



NORTH FORK RANCHERIA OF MONO INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Tribal Chairperson Elaine Fink, called to order the special meeting of the North Fork Rancheria at **10:07 a.m. on June 11, 2020** via Zoom Conference Meeting.

II. Moment of Silent Prayer

A moment of Silent Prayer was observed.

III. Roll Call

Tribal Secretary, Katrina Guitierrez conducted a roll call. The following Council members were present: Elaine Fink, Fred Beihn, Katrina Guitierrez, Maryann McGovran and Jacquie Van Huss.

Staff Present:

Christina McDonald – EPD Director

Michael Hobie – Automotive Instructor

IV. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Treasurer McGovran motioned to approve the agenda with the following additions and changes: VI- 1(a) Intake Form/Process; VII-1(d) Business Plan; and the deletion of VIII- e, and d. Council Member Van Huss seconded. 5/0/0

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Council Member Van Huss motioned to approve the special meeting minutes of January 23, 2020. Vice-Chairperson Beihn seconded. Mc 4/0/1 with Secretary Guitierrez abstaining.

Council Member Van Huss motioned to approve the special meeting minutes of March 5, 2020 with clarifications. Vice-Chairperson Beihn seconded. Mc 4/0/1 with Secretary Guitierrez abstaining.

Treasurer McGovran motioned to approve the special meeting minutes of May 28, 2020. Council Member Van Huss seconded. Mc 5/0/0

The special meeting minutes of June 4, 2020 & June 7, 2019 were tabled until completed.

VI. New Business

1. Chairperson Fink

- a. COVID-19 Funding discussion
 1. North Fork Transfer Station

Treasurer McGovran reported that everything is good to go with the dump. The account has been set up. Tribal Council reviewed and approved the notice to go out to the local citizens in Madera, Fresno, and Mariposa Counties.

This mailing will be separate from the one about the dumpsters that will be provided as well.

Chairperson Fink also reported on the “junk services” that she has been looking into for those citizens wanting to get rid of junk. Still waiting on an answer from the company.

2. Hazard Pay Language

Tribal Council reviewed and approved the policy.

Treasurer McGovran motioned to approve. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 5/0/0

3. Scholarship

Tribal Council reviewed and approved the checklist but Treasurer McGovran will get with Pearla Velasco with the policy with changes and bring back to Tribal Council. Treasurer McGovran will have CFO draft the cover letter to be sent to the citizens.

4. Intake Form/Process – (GWBP application)

Treasurer McGovran motioned to approve. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 5/0/0

Council Member Van Huss motioned to go into executive session # 1 @ 11:47 a.m.

Treasurer McGovran seconded. Mc 5/0/0

Mrs. Lavell reported on a situation.

Treasurer McGovran motioned to come out of executive session # 1 @ 12:09 p.m.

Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 5/0/0

2. Treasurer McGovran

a. California Tribal Families Coalition Donation Request

The CTFC is requesting \$100,000.00 from NFR in order focus on the development of a California tribal ICWA appellate project and the development of a tribal child welfare infrastructure development project. After discussion, Tribal Council denied to request due to limited funding.

b. TANF Backpacks

Treasurer McGovran reported that the Clovis Supervisor has requested to instead purchase chrome books instead of giving backpacks to the students this year due to recent pandemic and the uncertainty of the school year. Treasurer McGovran will gather more information and bring back to Tribal Council.

3. EPD Director – Christina McDonald

a. Emergency Hiring Pool – Heritage

A discussion regarding the list of citizens that have taken the course offered by NFR and how to get them to gain more experience so that they can become an apprentice. Wages were also discussed to increase them in order to gain more interest.

- b. Solid Waste
Ms. McDonald reported that she contacted citizens for the placements of the trash dumpsters to be located at certain areas. All gave approval. She is now waiting from EDMACO for a price.
- c. TGNF – Heritage
Ms. McDonald is recommending to pursue a USDA Community Facilities Grant for a propane generator for the new Environmental – Cultural building. There is a \$10,000.00 match. Tribal Council agreed for the Director to pursue the generator.

4. Secretary Guitierrez

- a. Monthly Meeting
The majority of Tribal Council agreed to cancel this month's meeting. Guidelines need to be in place before meeting.
- b. Suspended Citizen
Secretary Guitierrez reported that Andrea Montano's suspension is coming up in July and that a payment is required to order to be reinstated as a citizen in good standing. Treasurer McGovran will send her a letter reminding her that the payment is due.

VII. Unfinished Business

1. Treasurer McGovran

- a. Delivery Contact
Treasurer McGovran reached out for two more quotes but has not received anything yet. Treasurer McGovran will also contact Naylor Delivery to modify the contract.
- b. TANF Transportation Job Description
Tribal Council reviewed and made changes to reflect supervisor, supervised the transportation specialist and changing salary grade scale to Grade 6 Step 8 - \$38, 921-\$62,269.
Treasurer McGovran motioned to approve. Council Member Van Huss seconded. Mc 5/0/0
- c. CIMC Budget
Inquired if anyone has heard from Lorenda Sanchez of CIMC for the budget. No Council Members heard anything. Treasurer McGovran will send a follow-up email.
- d. Business Plan
Mr. Hobie went over his business plan for the North Fork Rancheria Automotive Repair. Tribal Council was very pleased with the presentation and recommended that he get started right away with developing job descriptions for staff to get started. Tribal Council agreed that this is very exciting!

Secretary Guitierrez motioned to go into executive session # 2 @ 3:11 p.m. Council Member Van Huss seconded. Mc 5/0/0

VIII. Executive Session

1. Treasurer McGovran

a. Personnel

A discussion was held.

b. Volunteer

Treasurer McGovran motioned to move PT to seasonal. There was no second, therefore, the motion died.

Council Member Van Huss motioned for TL to get an additional \$1,000.00 per month until December. Treasurer McGovran seconded. Mc 3/2/0

2. Secretary Guitierrez

a. HR Update

An update was given.

Secretary Guitierrez motioned to come out of executive session #2 @ 3:57 p.m. Council Member Van Huss seconded. Mc 5/0/0

IX. Mail / Travel – N/A

X. Adjournment


Council Member Van Huss motioned to adjourn @ 3:57 p.m. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 5/0/0

Minutes submitted by: **Katrina Guitierrez** – 06/16/2020 

COUNCIL APPROVAL

At a meeting of the Tribal Council of the North Fork Rancheria, call and convened on the **11th** day of **August, 2020**, at which a legal quorum was present, these minutes were approved as presented by a vote of **4 For 0 Against 0 Abstaining**.

DATED this **12th** day of **August, 2020**.


Katrina Guitierrez, Tribal Secretary


Judy E. Fink, Tribal Chairperson